

# A SIMPLIFIED CALCULATION FOR THE FUNDAMENTAL SOLUTION TO THE HEAT EQUATION ON THE HEISENBERG GROUP

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ABSTRACT. Let  $\mathcal{L}_\gamma = -1/4 \left( \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j^2 + Y_j^2) + i\gamma T \right)$  where  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ , and  $X_j$ ,  $Y_j$  and  $T$  are the left invariant vector fields of the Heisenberg group structure for  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$ . We explicitly compute the Fourier transform (in the spatial variables) of the fundamental solution of the Heat Equation  $\partial_s \rho = -\mathcal{L}_\gamma \rho$ . As a consequence, we have a simplified computation of the Fourier transform of the fundamental solution of the  $\square_b$ -heat equation on the Heisenberg group and an explicit kernel of the heat equation associated to the weighted  $\bar{\partial}$ -operator in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with weight  $\exp(-\tau P(z_1, \dots, z_n))$  where  $P(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \frac{1}{2}(|\text{Im } z_1|^2 + \dots + |\text{Im } z_n|^2)$  and  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ .

## 0. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this note is to present a simplified calculation of the Fourier transform of fundamental solution of the  $\square_b$ -heat equation on the Heisenberg group. The Fourier transform of the fundamental solution has been computed by a number of authors [Gav77, Hul76, CT00, Tie06]. We use the approach of [CT00, Tie06] and compute the heat kernel using Hermite functions but differ from the earlier approaches by working on a different, though biholomorphically equivalent, version of the Heisenberg group. The simplification in the computation occurs because the differential operators on this equivalent Heisenberg group take on a simpler form. Moreover, in the proof of Theorem 1.2, we reduce the  $n$ -dimensional heat equation to a 1-dimensional heat equation, and this technique would also be useful when analyzing the heat equation on the nonisotropic Heisenberg group (e.g., see [CT00]). We actually use the same version of the Heisenberg group as Hulanicki [Hul76], but he computes the fundamental solution of the heat equation associated to the sub-Laplacian and not the Kohn Laplacian acting on  $(0, q)$ -forms.

A consequence of our fundamental solution computation is that we can explicitly compute the heat kernel associated to the weighted  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  when the weight is given by  $\exp(-\tau P(z_1, \dots, z_n))$  where  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $P(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \frac{1}{2}(|\text{Im } z_1|^2 + \dots + |\text{Im } z_n|^2)$ . When  $n = 1$  and  $p(z_1)$  is subharmonic, nonharmonic polynomial, the weighted  $\bar{\partial}$ -problem (with weight  $\exp(-p(z_1))$ ) and explicit construction of Bergman and Szegö kernels and has been studied by a number of authors in different contexts (for example, see [Chr91, Has94, Has95,

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Has98, FS91, Ber92]). In addition, Raich has estimated the heat kernel and its derivatives [Rai06b, Rai06a, Rai07, Rai].

## 1. THE HEISENBERG GROUP AND THE $\square_b$ -HEAT EQUATION

**Definition 1.1.** *The Heisenberg group is the set  $\mathbb{H}^n = \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$  with the following group structure:*

$$g * g' = (x, y, t) * (x', y', t') = (x + x', y + y', t + t' + x \cdot y')$$

where  $(x, y, t), (x', y', t') \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$  and  $\cdot$  denotes the standard dot product in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

The left-invariant vector fields for this group structure are:

$$X_j^g = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + y_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad Y_j^g = \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n, \quad \text{and} \quad T^g = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}.$$

The Heisenberg group also can be identified with the following hypersurface in  $\mathbb{C}^{n+1}$ :  $H^n = \{(z_1, \dots, z_{n+1}) \in \mathbb{C}^{n+1} : \operatorname{Im} z_{n+1} = (1/2) \sum_{j=1}^n (\operatorname{Im} z_j)^2\}$  where we identify  $(z_1, \dots, z_n, t + i(1/2) \sum_{j=1}^n (\operatorname{Im} z_j)^2) \in H^n$  with  $(z_1, \dots, z_n, t) = (x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n, t)$  where  $z_j = x_j + iy_j \in \mathbb{C}$ . With this identification, the left-invariant vector fields of type (0,1) and (1,0), respectively are:

$$\bar{Z}_j^g = (1/2)(X_j + iY_j) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j} + \frac{y_j}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \quad Z_j^g = (1/2)(X_j - iY_j) = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} + \frac{y_j}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

for  $g = (x, y, t) \in \mathbb{H}^n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ .

**The Heat Equation.** The Kohn Laplacian  $\square_b$  acting on  $(0, q)$ -forms on  $H^n \approx \mathbb{H}^n$  can be easily described in terms of these left-invariant vector fields. Suppose  $f = \sum_{J \in \mathcal{I}_q} f_J d\bar{z}_J$  is a  $(0, q)$ -form where  $\mathcal{I}_q$  is the set of all increasing  $q$ -tuples  $J = (j_1, \dots, j_q)$ ,  $1 \leq j_k \leq n$ . Then

$$\square_b f = \sum_{J \in \mathcal{I}_q} \mathcal{L}_{n-2q} f_J d\bar{z}_J$$

where

$$(1) \quad \mathcal{L}_\gamma = -\frac{1}{4} \left( \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j^2 + Y_j^2) + i\gamma T \right).$$

See Stein ([Ste93], XIII §2), for details on computing  $\square_b$ . For comparison, the box operator (or Laplacian) in Hulanicki ([Hul76]) is  $-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j^2 + Y_j^2)$ .

The Heat Equation is defined on  $(0, q)$ -forms  $\rho$  on  $\mathbb{H}^n$  with coefficient functions that depend on  $s \in (0, \infty)$  and  $(x, y, t) \in \mathbb{H}^n$ . It is

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial s} = -\square_b \rho$$

(note that here,  $s$  is the “time” variable and  $t$  is a spatial variable). Since  $\square_b$  acts diagonally, we can restrict ourselves to a fixed component and look for a fundamental solution  $\rho$  that satisfies

$$(2) \quad \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial s} = -\mathcal{L}_\gamma \rho & \text{for } s > 0, (x, y, t) \in \mathbb{H}^n \\ \rho(s = 0, x, y, t) = \delta_0(x, y, t) \end{cases}$$

(i.e., the delta function at the origin in the spatial variables).

**Fourier Transformed Variables.** We will use a Fourier transform in the spatial  $(x, y, t)$  variables (i.e. *not* the  $s$ -variable): let  $(\alpha, \beta, \tau)$  be the transform variables corresponding to  $(x, y, t)$ , and define:

$$\widehat{f}(\alpha, \beta, \tau) = \int_{\mathbb{H}^n} f(x, y, t) e^{-i(\alpha \cdot x + \beta \cdot y + \tau t)} dx dy dt.$$

Our main result is the following:

**Theorem 1.2.** *For any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ , the spatial Fourier transform of the fundamental solution to the heat equation (2) is given by*

$$(3) \quad \widehat{\rho}^\gamma(s, \alpha, \beta, \tau) = \frac{e^{-\gamma s \tau / 4}}{(\cosh(s\tau/2))^{n/2}} e^{-A(|\alpha|^2 + |\beta|^2)/2 + iB\alpha \cdot \beta}.$$

where

$$A = \frac{\sinh(s\tau/2)}{\tau \cosh(s\tau/2)}, \quad B = \frac{2 \sinh^2(s\tau/4)}{\tau \cosh(s\tau/2)}.$$

Note that  $\gamma$  may be any complex number, but  $\gamma = n - 2q$  is the value where  $\mathcal{L}_\gamma$  corresponds to  $\square_b$  on  $(0, q)$ -forms.

We also seek the fundamental solution to the heat equation associated to the weighted  $\bar{\partial}$  operator in  $(s, x, y)$ -space. Given a function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}$ , let

$$\tilde{f}_\tau(x, y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i\tau t} f(x, y, t) dt$$

be the partial Fourier transform in  $t$ . Define

$$\bar{L}_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j} + \frac{i}{2} y_j \tau = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} + iy\tau \right), \quad L_j = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} + \frac{i}{2} y_j \tau = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} - i \frac{\partial}{\partial y_j} + iy\tau \right).$$

Note that these operators are just the Fourier transform of  $\bar{Z}_j$  and  $Z_j$  in the  $t$ -direction. If  $\Delta_{x,y}$  is the Laplacian in both the  $x$  and  $y$  variables, the partial  $t$ -Fourier transform of  $\mathcal{L}_\gamma$  is

$$\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\gamma = -\frac{1}{4} (\Delta_{x,y} + 2i\tau y \cdot \nabla_x - (\tau^2 y \cdot y + \gamma\tau)).$$

The operator  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\gamma$  acts on functions, but it can be extended to  $(0, q)$ -forms by acting on each component function of the form. If  $\gamma = n - 2q$ , then  $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\gamma$  is the higher dimensional analog of the  $\square_{\tau p}$ -operator from [Rai06a, Rai07, Rai] associated to the weighted  $\bar{\partial}$  operator in  $\mathbb{C}^n$  with

weight  $\exp(-\tau P(z_1, \dots, z_n))$  where  $P(z_1, \dots, z_n) = \frac{1}{2}(|\operatorname{Im} z_1|^2 + \dots + |\operatorname{Im} z_n|^2)$  and  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ . As a corollary to our main theorem, we compute the fundamental solution to the heat operator associated to this weighted  $\bar{\partial}$ .

**Corollary 1.3.** *For any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ , the function*

$$\tilde{\rho}_\tau^\gamma(s, x, y) = \frac{e^{-\gamma s\tau/4}}{(2\pi)^n (\cosh(s\tau/2))^{n/2} (A^2 + B^2)^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{A}{2(A^2+B^2)}(|x|^2+|y|^2) - i\frac{B}{A^2+B^2}x \cdot y}.$$

*is the fundamental solution to the weighted  $\bar{\partial}$  heat equation:  $(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\gamma) \tilde{\rho}_\tau^\gamma(s, x, y) = 0$  with  $\tilde{\rho}_\tau^\gamma(s=0, x, y) = \delta_{(0,0)}(x, y)$ .*

Finally, we use  $\tilde{\rho}_\tau^\gamma$  to derive the heat kernel, as studied in [Rai06a, Rai07, Rai, NS01].

**Corollary 1.4.** *For any  $\gamma \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ , let*

$$H_\tau^\gamma(s, x', y', x, y) = \frac{\tau^n e^{-\gamma s\tau/4}}{(4\pi)^n \sinh^n(s\tau/4)} e^{-\frac{\tau}{4} \coth(s\tau/4) (|x-x'|^2 + |y-y'|^2) - i\frac{\tau}{2} (x-x') \cdot (y+y')}.$$

*Then  $H_\tau^\gamma$  is the heat kernel which satisfies the following property: if  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{C})$ , then*

$$H_\tau^\gamma[f](s, x, y) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n} H_\tau^\gamma(s, x, y, x', y') f(x', y') dx' dy'$$

*is a solution to the following initial value problem for the heat equation:*

$$(4) \quad \begin{cases} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\gamma \right) H_\tau^\gamma[f] = 0 \\ H_\tau^\gamma[f](s=0, x, y) = f(x, y). \end{cases}$$

Note that  $H_\tau^\gamma$  is conjugate symmetric in  $z = x + iy$  and  $z' = x' + iy'$  (i.e. switching  $z$  with  $z'$  results in a conjugate).

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1.2

It is easy to verify the following calculations. Recall that  $\widehat{\phantom{f}}$  refers to spatial Fourier transform.

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{X_j^2 f}(\alpha, \beta, \tau) &= (-\alpha_j^2 - 2i\alpha_j \tau \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta_j} + \tau^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta_j^2}) \widehat{f} \\ \widehat{Y_j^2 f}(\alpha, \beta, \tau) &= -\beta_j^2 \widehat{f} \\ \widehat{T f}(\alpha, \beta, \tau) &= i\tau \widehat{f}. \end{aligned}$$

We first reduce the problem down to dimension one. Define  $\hat{\rho}^{\gamma,1}$  by the same formula as given in (3), but for dimension one (i.e.  $n = 1$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ ). From (3), note that

$$(5) \quad \hat{\rho}^\gamma(s, \alpha, \beta, \tau) = \prod_{j=1}^n \hat{\rho}^{\gamma/n,1}(s, \alpha_j, \beta_j, \tau), \quad \alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n), \quad \beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

(note the  $\gamma$  on the left and the  $\gamma/n$  on the right). Once we show that  $\rho^{\gamma,1}$  satisfies the transformed heat-equation in dimension one, i.e.,

$$(6) \quad \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} - (1/4)(\widehat{X}^2 + \widehat{Y}^2 + i\gamma\widehat{T}) \right) \{\widehat{\rho}^{\gamma,1}(s, \cdot, \cdot)\} = 0$$

with initial condition  $\widehat{\rho}^{\gamma,1} = 1$  (the Fourier transform of the delta function), then by using (5), it is an easy exercise to show that  $\widehat{\rho}^{\gamma}$  in dimension  $n$  satisfies Theorem 1.2.

From now on, we assume the dimension  $n$  is one and so  $x, y, \alpha$  and  $\beta$  are all real variables. Also,  $\gamma$  will be suppressed as a superscript. Define

$$(7) \quad u(s, \alpha, \beta, \tau) = \widehat{\rho}(s, \alpha, \beta, \tau) e^{-i\frac{\alpha\beta}{\tau}}.$$

Then, the following equations are easily verified

$$(8) \quad u(s = 0, \alpha, \beta, \tau) = e^{-i\frac{\alpha\beta}{\tau}}$$

$$(9) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = (1/4)(\tau^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta^2} - \beta^2 - \gamma\tau)u.$$

The first equation follows from the fact that the Fourier transform of the delta function is the constant one. The second equation follows from the heat equation for  $\widehat{\rho}$  (from (6)) and the above formulas for the transformed differential operators  $\widehat{X}, \widehat{Y}$  and  $\widehat{T}$ . We will refer to the above differential equation as the *transformed Heat equation*.

**Solution of Heat Equation Using Hermite Special Functions.** For  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , let

$$\psi_m(x) = \frac{(-1)^m}{\sqrt{2^m m! \sqrt{\pi}}} e^{x^2/2} \frac{d^m}{dx^m} \{e^{-x^2}\}.$$

For  $\tau \in \mathbb{R}$ , let

$$\Psi_m^\tau(x) = |\tau|^{-1/4} \psi_m(x/\sqrt{|\tau|}).$$

It is a fact that  $\psi_m$  and hence  $\Psi_m^\tau$  form an orthonormal system for  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$  (see [Tha93], pg.1-7). It is also a fact (again see [Tha93], (1.1.28)) that

$$\psi_m''(x) = x^2 \psi_m(x) - (2m + 1) \psi_m(x).$$

We first assume that  $\tau > 0$  and later indicate the minor changes needed in the case that  $\tau \leq 0$ . Replacing  $x$  by  $\beta/\sqrt{\tau}$  in the previous equation yields:

$$(10) \quad (\tau^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta^2} - \beta^2 - \gamma\tau) \{\Psi_m^\tau\} = -(2m + 1 + \gamma)\tau \Psi_m^\tau(\beta).$$

In other words,  $\Psi_m^\tau$  is an eigenfunction of the differential operator on the right side of (9) with eigenvalue  $-(2m + 1 + \gamma)\tau$ .

Since  $\{\Psi_m^\tau\}$  are an orthonormal basis for  $L^2(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $u$  can be expressed as

$$u(s, \alpha, \beta, \tau) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m(\alpha, \tau) e^{-\frac{1}{4}(2m+1+\gamma)s\tau} \Psi_m^\tau(\beta)$$

where  $a_m(\alpha, \tau)$  will be determined later. Differentiating this with respect to  $s$  and using (10) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial s} u(s, \alpha, \beta, \tau) &= \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m(\alpha, \tau) e^{-\frac{1}{4}(2m+1+\gamma)s\tau} \left(-\frac{1}{4}(2m+1+\gamma)\right) \tau \Psi_m^\tau(\beta) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left( \tau^2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta^2} - \beta^2 - \gamma \tau \right) \{u(t, \alpha, \beta, \tau)\}. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $u$  satisfies the transformed Heat equation (9). To satisfy the initial condition (8), we must have

$$e^{-i\alpha\beta/\tau} = u(s=0, \alpha, \beta, \tau) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} a_m(\alpha, \tau) \Psi_m^\tau(\beta).$$

Using the fact that the  $\Psi_m^\tau(\beta)$  is an orthonormal system, we have

$$a_m(\alpha, \tau) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i\alpha\beta/\tau} \Psi_m^\tau(\beta) d\beta = \tau^{1/4} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-i\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\tau}}\beta} \psi_m(\beta) d\beta.$$

The integral on the right is just the Fourier transform of  $\psi_m$  at the point  $\alpha/\sqrt{\tau}$ . From Thangavelu ([Tha93], Lemma 1.1.3), the Fourier transform of  $\psi_m$  equals  $\psi_m$  up to a constant factor of  $(-i)^m \sqrt{2\pi}$ . Therefore,

$$a_m(\alpha, \tau) = (-i)^m (2\pi)^{1/2} \tau^{1/4} \psi_m(\alpha/\sqrt{\tau}).$$

Substituting this value of  $a_m$  into the expression for  $u$  and rearranging gives:

$$u(s, \alpha, \beta, \tau) = (2\pi)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{1}{4}(1+\gamma)s\tau} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-i)^m \psi_m\left(\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\tau}}\right) \psi_m\left(\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\tau}}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}ms\tau}.$$

Now solving for  $\hat{\rho}$  (see equation (7)) yields

$$\hat{\rho}(s, \alpha, \beta, \tau) = e^{i\alpha\beta/\tau} u(s, \alpha, \beta, \tau) = (2\pi)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{1}{4}(1+\gamma)s\tau} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-i)^m \psi_m\left(\frac{\alpha}{\sqrt{\tau}}\right) \psi_m\left(\frac{\beta}{\sqrt{\tau}}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{2}ms\tau} e^{i\alpha\beta/\tau}.$$

Now let  $S = e^{-s\tau/2}$ ,  $x = \alpha/\sqrt{\tau}$ ,  $y = \beta/\sqrt{\tau}$ . Since  $|iS| < 1$ , we obtain (see [Tha93], (1.1.36))

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\rho}(s, \alpha, \beta, \tau) &= (2\pi)^{1/2} S^{\frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma)} \left( \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} (-iS)^m \psi_m(x) \psi_m(y) \right) e^{ixy} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{2} S^{\frac{1}{2}(1+\gamma)}}{(1+S^2)^{1/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1-S^2}{1+S^2} (x^2+y^2)} e^{ixy \left( \frac{-2S}{1+S^2} + 1 \right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now substituting in for  $S$ ,  $x$  and  $y$ , a short calculation finishes the proof for  $\tau > 0$ . Note that  $\hat{\rho}(s=0, \alpha, \beta, \tau) = 1$  (the Fourier transform of the delta function at the origin).

When  $\tau = 0$ , the solution in (3) becomes  $\hat{\rho}(s, \alpha, \beta) = e^{-s(\alpha^2+\beta^2)/4}$  which is easily shown to satisfy (6).

If  $\tau < 0$ , then  $\tau$  is replaced by  $|\tau|$  on the right side of (10), which slightly changes the subsequent calculations. However the formula for the solution given Theorem 1.2 remains valid for  $\tau < 0$ .

### 3. PROOF OF THE COROLLARIES

*Proof. (Corollary 1.3).* Again, we assume the dimension is  $n = 1$ . The fundamental solution to this heat operator must satisfy

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \tilde{\rho}_\tau(s, x, y) + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\gamma \tilde{\rho}_\tau = 0$$

with the initial condition  $\tilde{\rho}_\tau(s = 0, x, y) = \delta_0(x, y)$ . Now since  $\hat{\rho}$  is the Fourier transform of the fundamental solution to the original Heat operator, clearly  $\tilde{\rho}_\tau$  can be obtained by taking the inverse Fourier transform of  $\hat{\rho}$  in the  $\alpha, \beta$  variables. This is a standard calculation involving Gaussian integrals and will be left to the reader.  $\square$

*Proof. (Corollary 1.4).* If  $L_j$  and  $\overline{L}_j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , had constant coefficients then the heat kernel would just be  $\tilde{\rho}_\tau(s, x - x', y - y')$  – an ordinary convolution. However, we must multiply by a “twist” factor  $e^{-i\tau(x-x') \cdot y'}$  to account for the fact that  $L_j$  and  $\overline{L}_j$  have variable coefficients. Let

$$(11) \quad H_\tau(s, x, y, x', y', \tau) = \tilde{\rho}_\tau(s, x - x', y - y') e^{-i\tau(x-x') \cdot y'}.$$

Note that  $H_\tau(f)$  satisfies the initial condition given in (4) in view of the initial condition satisfied by  $\tilde{\rho}_\tau$  and noting that the twist term is 1 at  $x' = x$ . Showing that  $H_\tau$  satisfies the heat equation in the  $s, x, y$  variables is a short calculation that uses the equation

$$\left( \frac{\partial}{\partial s} - \frac{1}{4} \left( \Delta_{x,y} + 2i\tau(y - y') \cdot \nabla_x - (\tau^2(y - y') \cdot (y - y') + \gamma\tau) \right) \right) \{ \tilde{\rho}_\tau(s, x - x', y - y') \} = 0.$$

which is just the equation  $(\frac{\partial}{\partial s} + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}_\gamma) \tilde{\rho}_\tau = 0$  at the point  $(s, x - x', y - y')$ .

**Simplification of the Formula for  $H_\tau$ .** Note that the coefficient of the imaginary part of the exponent of  $\tilde{\rho}_\tau$  is

$$\frac{-B}{A^2 + B^2} \quad \text{where} \quad A = \frac{\sinh(s\tau/2)}{\tau \cosh(s\tau/2)}, \quad B = \frac{2 \sinh^2(s\tau/4)}{\tau \cosh(s\tau/2)}.$$

An easy calculation with cosh and sinh identities shows that

$$\frac{B}{A^2 + B^2} = \frac{\tau}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{A}{B} = \frac{\cosh(s\tau/4)}{\sinh(s\tau/4)}.$$

Consequently, the fundamental solution  $H_\tau$ , from (11) and Corollary 1.3, can be rewritten

$$H_\tau(s, x', y', x, y) = \frac{\tau^n e^{-\gamma s\tau/4}}{(4\pi)^n \sinh^n(s\tau/4)} e^{-\frac{\tau}{4} \coth(s\tau/4) (|x-x'|^2 + |y-y'|^2) - i\frac{\tau}{2} (x-x') \cdot (y+y')}.$$

$\square$

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